



Marvin's Ministry Update

July - September 2014

Ministry Overview

Since my last report, I have been busy mentoring people, conducting several mentoring seminars, and preparing for the next season of ministry opportunities. Kay and I spent two days with the couple who serve as my/our mentors. I have also enjoyed visits with several donors and prayer supporters who sustain the ministry of MentorLink/ML Canada.

Passing It On! (PIO) Seminars

Last June, I conducted my first local church PIO seminar with 40+ leaders from the English congregation of Toronto Chinese Community Church. We met on two Sunday afternoons. This method appears to be a potential pattern for two more churches in the GTA this fall. I also shared four of the Five Transformations of the Heart concepts with 30+ members of the ABWE Ministries Board and senior administrative team at a retreat in Harrisburg, PA in September. One participant wrote: "Thanks again for the mentoring sessions. They were a blessing for my own soul and for my ministry."



PIO Alumni Gathering

On August 20, Tim Jacobson and I welcomed "alumni" from our PIO seminars last year in the GTA to a gathering. Twelve people attended; many others sent their regrets. I was very encouraged to hear that people are already using their mentoring training in amazing ways. One person wrote to his circle of influence after the event: "I really think the ML approach to Transformational Mentoring could be useful to each of you in mentoring the next generation of Kingdom Workers...Their materials (once you understand how to use them) are great."



Bible College Seminars in the Philippines

The impact of the seminars for board members, presidents, and administrators of Filipino Bible colleges continues. Ariel Abadiano, my Filipino partner, and I are in discussions about the next steps to take with specific colleges. One large university college has asked me to speak at their graduation in March and conduct a leadership seminar. This whole project needs much prayer and planning.

One college president wrote: *"I would like to thank you for the lectures you gave. I am now including in my weekly schedule a time for writing and connecting to people to promote the seminary. I already got some positive responses. I'll be leading our faculty and staff in a retreat using your materials like the Leader's Covenant and the Transformational Values as topics for discussion."*



Ariel and Marvin

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

- a. Two local church PIO seminars in the GTA: Mt. Zion Church (Oct. 19, 26) and King Bible Church (Nov. 9, 30)
- b. Potential Days With Jesus projects: Tigrigna (language of Eritrea); Russian (exploring with Slavic Gospel Association); Indigenous languages of Northern Canada
- c. Development of a new mentor training tool: the MentorLink Leadership Institute
- d. Seminar on mentoring at the Fellowship Baptist National Conference (Nov. 12)
- e. Developing a course on mentoring for the TIM Centre, a non-credit division of Tyndale Seminary, to be taught at The People's Church, Toronto (Jan-March 2015)

Thank you for your faithful, focused prayer support for this strategic ministry.

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"You (Timothy) have heard me (Paul) teach many things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Teach these great truths to trustworthy people who are able to pass them on to others." (2 Timothy 2:2)